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1. FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS POLISH TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN CARRYING FILM REPORTS OF THE RECENT INTENSIFIED FIGHTING IN VIETNAM, LABELING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AS THE AGGRESSOR. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO DIRECT MENTION OF U.S. SUPPORT TO SOUTH VIETNAM IN THESE FILMED REPORTS.

2. POLISH PRESS REPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, TAKE SPECIFIC EXCEPTION TO THE U.S. NOTE OF JANUARY 14 AND CRITICIZE THE U.S. FOR PUSHING THE BLAME FOR ESCALATION ON TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. THE ALSO SPEAK CONFIDENTLY OF THE INEVITABLE FALL OF THIEU'S GOVERNMENT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN AID WHICH THE U.S. IS "NOT RUSHING" TO PROVIDE "THIS TIME." EXCEPT FOR THIS SPECIFIC REACTION TO THE JANUARY 14, NOTE, PRESS REPORTS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON CRITICISM OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND OMITTED MENTION OF THE U.S. ROLE.
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